

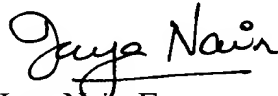
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful review of this application. A Preliminary Amendment was filed on January 3, 2002, canceling claim 1 and adding new claims 2 through 28. It appears that the Examiner did not have the opportunity to consider these added claims during the examination of the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of pending claims 2 through 28. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment, and claim fees, as filed on January 3, 2002 and the certificate of mailing, are enclosed for the Examiner's reference.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900 Ext. 6926. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP285). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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REMARKS


Claim 1 is pending in the present patent application. Applicant requests the cancellation of claim 1 without prejudice, and submits new claims 2 through 28. Applicant submits that new claims 2 through 28 are fully supported by the specification, figures and claims as originally filed, and that no new matter has been introduced herein. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of new claims 2 through 28.

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